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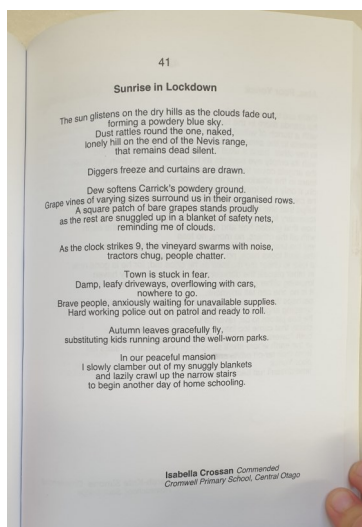
DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

NGĀ MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU KATOA. GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.

Cromwell Primary School students continue to perform well in relation to New Zealand Curriculum expectations in Reading and Mathematics. Writing performance will continue to be a school improvement goal based on our end of 2020 student achievement data. Read more inside.....

Roll growth means more staff. Meet the Cromwell Primary School Team for 2021 including some new faces. Check out their profiles inside.....

We are very proud of Year 5 student Isabella Crossan whose poem "Sunrise in Lockdown" is now featured in "Stay Well Here", NZPS Poetry Anthology 2020. Congratulations Isabella.



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REMINDERS

- **Wed 24 Feb, Mihi Whakatau 10.40am**
- **Mon 8 Mar, School Athletics Day, Year 3-6**
- **Mon 15 Mar, SOKs AGM 7pm in Ako 2**
- **Mon 22 Mar, Anniversary Day, SCHOOL CLOSED**
- **Tues 23 Mar Teacher Only Day, SCHOOL CLOSED**

Meet the Team

Principal & Team Leaders



Wendy Brooks
Principal

I have enjoyed an extensive career in education. I have taught in a range of schools - contributing, full primary, private, Intermediate and High Schools which has given me a great insight into teaching and learning across the sector. My school leadership began as the Assistant Principal of Balmacewen Intermediate School (Dunedin), followed by my first principalship at North Taieri School. I have been Principal of CPS since 2004 and have loved working with this school community. I completed a Master of Education in 2006 and was awarded the Otago Principals' Prestigious Scholarship in 2010 that enabled me to travel to Australia to learn about Restorative Practice in schools. I gained my Level 4 Certificate in Te Reo Maori in 2017. I spent 3 years as Lead Principal of the

Cromwell Kāhui Ako and resigned from this role at the end of 2020. This year I am excited to be working with our awesome CPS Team to provide our children with the best possible learning opportunities. I am married to John and we have two grown up children. Julie is an accountant in Dunedin. My son Mark and his American wife Becki moved to Florida in December 2020. Mark is the Assistant Superintendent of Jupiter Hills Private Golf Club in West Palm Beach. .



Danella Smallridge
Head of Junior School
Teacher Hārewa 2 Pukeko

I have been teaching at Cromwell Primary for 20 years. I trained to be a teacher as a mother of two young children. Prior to teaching I worked in Human Resource Management, Banking, Meat Processing and as a group leader at Roslyn Playcentre.

I try to ensure my students have lots of opportunities to explore, play and be creative. I am passionate about giving all students a successful start in reading, writing and maths, and I have a special interest in supporting students with learning differences such as dyslexia.

I am the Head of the Junior School and I teach Year 2 in the junior learning hub. I also lead Inquiry Learning and Staff Appraisal and Development.

I have two adult children, a computer crazy husband and three dogs. I also have two grandchildren, who are living at my property with their parents, while their new home is being built.

I love running (even though I'm not very fast) and I have a home gym set up at my home so I can maintain some health and fitness. I love dining out and going on caravan adventures in our beautiful country.



Olivia Buckner
Team Leader Harewa
Harewa 2 Kea

I started teaching at Cromwell Primary School last year, and have loved every minute of it. Prior to this, I was teaching at Arrowtown School for 5 years and Andersons Bay School before that. I went on study leave in 2017 and completed my Post Graduate studies with a focus on educational leadership and the transitions which occur during education. I became a fully qualified AustSwim infant and children's swim teacher during this year also.

I am the Year 1 and 2 Team Leader and I am teaching in Harewa 2. I love working collaboratively and am excited to continue working with Danella Smallridge and Cath McLellan in the Hub. I have a passion for literacy and phonics and aim to bring this into my role as Literacy Lead for 2021.

My fiancé, Justin, and I have lived in Cromwell since 2018 and love the lifestyle that comes with living in Central Otago. In summer we can be found hiking and in winter we spend our weekends up the mountain.



Rachel Peters
Team Leader Karerea
Karerea 1

This is my second year teaching at Cromwell Primary School and I am very excited to be back. Over the last 12 years I have taught at all the primary year levels, and I'm loving my time with year 3 and 4. While I trained in the UK, I have done the majority of my teaching in New Zealand - in Southland, Canterbury and Otago.

I am the Kārearea Team Leader and I teach in the K1 classroom. I also lead Assessment in the school alongside Mrs Haig.

In the classroom, I try to ensure my students enjoy being at school. We work hard and I try to create lots of opportunities to explore their interests and be creative. I am passionate about ensuring all children get the opportunity to make the best possible progress in my class. I particularly love teaching Science, Maths and Writing.

I have a 2 year old boy, who is growing up fast, and 3 wonderful step sons. As such my life is busy with every sport under the sun. I love our Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) activities and can be usually found on a bike or on the lake when not at school.



Louise Haig
Team Leader Ako
Ako 2

I have been a teacher at Cromwell Primary for a number of years, although during this period I had some time off to start my family. Prior to that I taught at Clifton Primary in Invercargill, where I was lucky enough to do my Reading Recovery training. I have also been fortunate enough to do some post-graduate study in maths education and have spent the five years in a Maths Support Teacher (MST) role. This year I am the team leader in Ako with our Year 5 and 6 students, and very much looking forward to a year full of new and exciting challenges and experiences. I am passionate about children enjoying their learning and having every opportunity to be successful. I firmly believe in children being confident in their abilities and using what they already know to work out what they don't.

Outside of school I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, volunteering as part of the cricket and football clubs, and going for walks/bike rides with my boys.



Nicole Fraser
Ako 1

I am excited to be back after having three terms off after having my beautiful girl, Tilly! I am very fortunate that I am a part of the CPS team again and I am looking forward to another great year with a lovely bunch of year 5 and 6 students.

I love using my imagination to think outside of the square, to hook the children into learning. I love seeing them interested and excited about their learning and want to take their learning further. My classroom programme reflects the culture and values of those within it and I strive to make students' personal experiences integral to their learning outcomes. I have a particular interest in mathematics, visual arts and writing.

Outside of school I can also be found playing sport, in the garden, swimming down at the lake or spending time with my family and friends.



Andrew Ede
Ako 1

I have been teaching for 18 years, 9 of these at Cromwell Primary School.

This year I'm teaching a Y5/6 class in Ako 1 in the Ako hub. I have responsibilities within the school as Lead Teacher in Health/PE and EOTC. I have a role within the school as Lead Teacher/Mentor School Health & Wellbeing. I enjoy this role and working alongside students who need a bit more support to help with their learning at school. I am the staff representative on the schools BOT and NZEI staff representative.

I enjoy building relationships with both students and Whanau, making connections that help in the classroom as I believe students learning is a partnership between home and school. I like to make my learning fun. I challenge my class to express themselves and I enjoy watching students' confidence grow throughout the year.

I am passionate about Health and Physical Education and the benefits these subjects give to the 'well being' of students at CPS.

Outside of school you will usually find me out coaching on one of the many sports fields around and spending time with my family and friends.



Alana Egerton
Ako 1

This will be my first year teaching at Cromwell Primary after having my son Beaudie 9 months ago. I am really looking forward to being part of such a supportive and outgoing community. I come from a farming background in Southland where Netball, Rugby and Squash kept me very busy when not teaching. I have been teaching for over 10 years now, most recently in Frankton where I taught in the senior school and worked as Sports Coordinator. I have a post graduate diploma in Information Technology in Education so I enjoy integrating digital learning in the classroom as another way to engage our young learners and prepare them for the future.

My strengths are in Maths and Literacy. I believe it is vital to build strong relationships with our children in order to teach them in a way that suits them best.

Outside the classroom you will probably find me coaching a sports team, on the lake or in the hills.



Sarah Luke
Ako 2

I am excited to be back in AKO for my second year, teaching the amazing Year 5 and 6's. It's such a pleasure being part of CPS and I feel very much at home here. I like being creative and try hard to make learning fun and hands-on in class. I love music and use it a lot in class. I particularly enjoy teaching Science, Music and Art. I am leading the choir this year and also have a leadership role developing the schools use of digital technology.

My daughter, Gracie is 7 and is in the K hub this year.

We love having a lake on our doorstep and it's often our first stop after school on those beautiful 30 plus days. In the weekends we are often found on Lake wanaka soaking in the sun and water. I'm also looking forward to winter and can't wait to hit the mountains!

I have well and truly been bitten by the travel bug and have lived and taught in England, Scotland, Russia and Ghana. I enjoyed camping in the summer and am looking forward to exploring more of our amazing country this year.

Kārearea



Claire Lincoln
Kārearea 2

I was fortunate enough to join the CPS teaching team in 2003. It's a dynamic, respectful, supportive and innovative school committed to the highest educational outcomes for children - and that's why I'm still here!

The challenge of working with and supporting students in their learning never gets old! I am passionate about science, conservation and environmental education, visual and performing arts and tikanga maori.

I love being involved with children in big hands-on projects involving authentic problem-solving, leadership, messy cooperation and creativity - 'learning adventures' by any other name!

Family, animals, children, walking and travelling - are things that keep me busy outside of school. So much to love about Central Otago!!



Shona Hamilton
Kārearea Hub

Going into my third year in Cromwell I can say that this is truly feeling like home now. This is especially true as my partner and I embark on the journey of building our home here (well the builder's will do the actual building!) We love the lifestyle that Central Otago offers and are big fans of hiking, biking and adventuring.

I am part of the Kārearea Team and teach in K Hub. K Hub is a collaborative space where we share the care of 48 awesome students. My fabulous teaching partner is Belinda Thomlinson. In addition to K Hub, I have the privilege of working in an Across School Role with our Community of Learning. This role means I work closely with Cromwell's Early Childhood Centres, our two Primary Schools and College. I also have the role of Special Education Needs Coordinator at CPS. These roles require me to be released from classroom teaching for 2-3 days a week. As such, I have an amazing co-teacher in Karen Huffadine. Karen, Belinda and I love to work together.

We play to our strengths and enjoy sharing the care and education of the K Hub students.



Belinda Thomlinson
Kārearea Hub

After 19 years teaching I can honestly say I still love teaching as much today as the day I graduated, if not more! I feel very privileged to be a part of an amazing and inspiring teaching team. This year I am lucky enough to be a part of The Kārearea Hub Team teaching Year 3 and 4 students in the Junction Suite with Shona Hamilton and Karen Huffadine.

I love being creative and I'm passionate about the visual arts and dance. I love opportunities to learn from the children and families/whanau which provides such rich learning experiences and knowledge.

I have been back in New Zealand for 17 years after returning from England where I taught and travelled around the Mediterranean.

I am married to Rob and we have 3 gorgeous children Bella(13), Mischa (10) and Hunter (7). I feel so lucky to bring my children up in such an amazing place as Central Otago.



Barbara Caughey
Kārearea 5

After teaching in Southland for the past 25 years it was time to come and live in sunny Central Otago and I am loving it here. I have held various roles in a number of different Primary and Intermediate schools throughout Invercargill and Southland and still love teaching as there is never a dull moment. I love to support all students in their learning journey.

I am thoroughly enjoying working with such a dedicated and passionate staff at Cromwell Primary. I am particularly enjoying the valuable Professional Development as well as the EOTC aspect of CPS. I love helping children to learn about nature and growing vegetables in my role as Enviro Schools leader.

Keeping fit and healthy and being active in the outdoors is key to my wellbeing as it helps me feel young. Camping and tramping in the outdoors has always been a highlight of our family holidays. I have three children who are studying and working around the South Island. This year my husband has taken up a role as Beer Brewing Technician at the Otago Polytech Brew School after studying their last year.

Hārewa



Katharine Grigor
Hārewa 1

I have been teaching for 17 years and still enjoy building relationships with young learners and watching them fly with their learning. I have taught in England, Canada and here in NZ. I have now been at Cromwell Primary School for one year, before that I was working in Auckland where I was the Y0/1 team leader at Remuera Primary School. I also have some Early Childhood experience and have a real passion for the Junior school.

Last year I moved back to Central Otago after nearly 20 years away. My family and I live in the Queensberry area. I grew up in both Dunedin and Central Otago so it has been a real homecoming for me.

My husband Paul and I have two wonderful boys – Angus (5 yrs old) and Owen (3 yrs old). Most weekends are spent out and about with the boys going on adventures, biking, swimming and enjoying this amazing place that we live.



Cheryl Stuart
Hārewa 3

I have been teaching for 24 years this year and can honestly say I still love it and get a thrill when my wee New Entrants take off on their reading and writing journeys. I am a trained reading recovery teacher and love the challenge of getting children to read and write with success.

I have taught in Whangarei (My home town), Melbourne and London where I was the Special Needs Co-ordinator and teacher. I have travelled extensively while based in London for 3 years. I have taught at CPS in a variety of roles since 2008.

I am the New Entrant Transition Leader and enjoy liaising with the Early Childhood Centres and welcoming new families to our school.

I am married to Kirk and our weekends are busy with supporting our children's sport, fishing and boating. I am a proud Mum to Flynn (soon to be 14yrs) and Ava (9yrs).



Hannah Fitzpatrick
Hārewa 4

Hello, my name is Hannah Fitzpatrick. I am originally from England and moved to New Zealand 2.5 years ago. I have been teaching for 7 years, specialising in Early Years and Junior school teaching. I spent time working as a teacher aide for 3 years before training to teach. I have a degree in Psychology and a teaching degree. I taught in London for 4 years, then on the coast of NZ before moving to Cromwell last year. I think it is a beautiful place to call home. It has a great community and I value being part of it. I love to teach and enjoy helping children to lead their learning and reach their full potential. This year I am teaching year 0/1 and enjoy learning through play. I feel lucky to work at CPS school and am very passionate about promoting children's wellbeing.

In my spare time I love to ride my bicycle, read and spend time with friends/family.



Holly Curran
Hārewa 5 (from Term 2)

This is my first year as a teacher at Cromwell Primary School and I am very excited to be part of a friendly, forward thinking and innovative staff.

My husband and I moved to Cromwell in 2019 after the birth of our son, Franky. Before this I taught in Wellington, London and in my home-town of Balclutha. We are loving the life-style of living in Cromwell and enjoying the beautiful outdoors that is on our door-step.

This year I am teaching year 0/1 in H5 from Term 2. I love teaching in the Juniors and inspiring a love of learning in students. I have a passion for teaching literacy and incorporating learning through play.

On the weekends I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, keeping fit and exploring the outdoors.

Part-time Teachers



Julie McGregor

I am an experienced teacher who has taught in all Year levels from New Entrants to Year 8 in a wide range of schools (from country to city) for many years. I have also taught overseas.

As well as my teaching qualifications I have a B.Ed degree and I am Reading Recovery and Quick 60 trained.

I teach on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, taking on the role of Learning Support Teacher. I will be teaching groups of children for Literacy Bridge (Quick Sixty Reading Programme) and for MST (maths support). I release some classroom teachers in the afternoons. I sometimes relieve teach on Thursdays and Fridays if required.

I am passionate about all aspects of teaching and children's learning, especially literacy, numeracy and science.

I have been involved in lots of sports and currently love to swim, play table tennis, social golf, go boating, snow ski-ing, ride my bike and go for walks with our dogs. I belong to a book club and garden club.

My husband and I have a large family and we love to spend time with them. We really enjoy travelling and our busy life.



Cath McLellan

I began my teaching career in 1991 in Bell Block, New Plymouth. I have taught in the U.K. and the U.A.E. I have been lucky enough to be in a team teaching role for the past nine years at C.P.S.

This year I am teaching in a year 2 class, alongside Danella Smallridge and Olivia Buckner in the Harewa Hub and also in Karearea 1 with Rachel Peters. I enjoy working with this age group and catering for their various learning styles. It is amazing to watch the progress at this stage of their learning. Literacy is my absolute passion, particularly writing and the implementation of oral language.

I enjoy, particularly at this time of year, the little heads popping in from last year and sometimes years previous, to touch base and simply just have a conversation. We are very lucky in this way at C.P.S.



Karen Huffadine

I have been teaching at Cromwell Primary for quite some time! However I now teach part time within the KHub. I release Shona Hamilton for her Management roles. Relationships with students and families are important to me; working together to create the best possible outcomes for your child.

I am also passionate about the difference visible learning can make for students. Visible learning is about creating a learning environment where students become assessment capable and develop skills and attitudes to take ownership of their own learning. Developing that ownership is rewarding and exciting to observe.

On a personal level, I enjoy attempting to keep reasonably fit and enjoying our local outdoors.



Christina Crossan

I started working part time at Cromwell Primary two years, alongside Andrew Ede in the junior area.

My husband and I moved to Cromwell in 2016 with our three children Isabella (9) Jack (8) and George (6).

I began my teaching career in South Otago back in 2001 before travelling overseas in 2005, teaching in London for the following three years. I met my husband while travelling in Germany and we moved to Switzerland where we lived for three years before moving home to New Zealand in 2011.

We enjoy many activities as a family including hiking, and water sports, so the move to Central Otago has been very positive, making the most of having the lakes and mountains close by.



Kate Nicholson

I have spent the last four years studying my teachers degree by distance while working as a teacher aide at a school in Alexandra. This is my first year teaching and I am excited to be joining the Cromwell Primary School team. Last year I was lucky enough to do both my teaching practices in the AKO hub with Mrs Haig as my associate teacher.. I will be doing the Ako teachers release and CRT days and also Miss Rachel's CRT days in K hub. Another role I am taking on this year is working with Mr Ede on the well being of our wonderful students.

I am originally from Australia but moved to Alexandra at the beginning of 2012. I have two children Amelia (13) and Jack (11) who go to school in Alexandra. We really enjoy the lifestyle of Central Otago and enjoy many activities it has to offer including boating, fishing and walking in the hills.

After growing up in the north of Western Australia where winter was as warm as summers here, I do struggle a bit with cold winter mornings of Central Otago!



Jen Chamberlain

I have been a teacher all my life, starting with primary training in Auckland and I then trained in teaching English as a foreign language. It was fun teaching adult lawyers from Saudi Arabia and many other countries. When I returned to NZ I set up my own language school which I ran for almost 20 years. After that I returned to Christchurch where I was born and did my SPELD training. Then I worked for 8 years at Hillview Christian School in Christchurch establishing their junior and senior site learning needs centres. Finally I made a huge lifestyle decision to move South so here I am in

Cromwell. I cover Management Release in Ako and Karearea. Every Wednesday I teach the high level thinking children at One Day School in Alexandra. My life is varied and rich because I love teaching and I also volunteer in the community at Arthurs Cinema, Cromwell Community Patrol and St Andrews Anglican Church. I am a licensed minister and love taking the church service at Ripponburn Rest Home each week plus helping with pastoral care of anyone who comes across my path. Thank you for having me in your school community!

AKO represents a teaching and learning relationship where the teacher is also learning from the student. Ako is grounded in the principle of reciprocity and also recognizes that the learner and whānau cannot be separated. Knowledge is shared amongst the teacher and the learner.

Kārearea is the name of our NZ native falcon, one of our most spectacular birds. Kārearea features in our school logo and our school whakatauki and refers to little birds taking flight (our children taking off as learners).

Hārewa means to take off. In Hārewa, we are taking off with our learning. Hārewa also links to our school whakatauki "Iti kārearea kahikatea ka taea" which means the smallest chick can fly to the top of the tallest tree. In learning this is about our young children being able to reach their goals with hard work and the right attitude.

'You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose'

Dr Seuss

Teacher Aides



Sue Collins

I have been at Cromwell Primary School since 2002 when I began by supporting a child with Autism. This led to picking up a few hours working with other children with special needs and gradually I became full time in class as a support person which I really enjoy. Three years ago I was given the opportunity to take on Afterschool Care which in that time, has grown rapidly. I really enjoy getting to know those children in a more informal and relaxed setting.

I am married to Bruce and we have three sons. Tim, the oldest, is married to Charlotte and they now have their own wee son Harrison(4) and a little girl, Bronte (2). They live in New York so I am a Skype Granny. Simon is in Queenstown and is

enjoying his work as a fishing guide. Jared the youngest lives in Dunedin where he is a heating and ventilation technician.

In my spare time I enjoy walking, sewing and keeping in touch with family and friends.

I have loved being part of the CPS team because I have been given so many opportunities. Everyone is very supportive, caring and grateful for the help I can give.



Kate McFadgen

Originally from England, I moved to New Zealand in 2001 and have loved living here ever since! I started off my career at Cromwell Primary as a parent helper when my step-daughter and two girls started primary school. I spent a year in class training for my Teacher Aide certificate and have been a Teacher Aide for well over ten years, mainly in the junior block.

I live in Tarras with my husband and one teenage daughter. The other, has recently moved to Dunedin and my step-daughter has given us two beautiful granddaughters. We have a small farm with chickens, turkeys, ducks and quails. We also have sheep, a mad goat, dogs, cats, a pet rabbit, guinea pig and heaps of wild rabbits! In my "spare time" I enjoy gardening, craft activities and making jewellery.



Rachel Anderson

I have been living in Cromwell with my partner Tony, for 7 years now after being a southlander all my life. I have 3 children. Before I became a mum I was a nanny and have always enjoyed working with young children, especially anything creative.

I started working as a teacher aide nearly 4 years ago at CPS, based in the junior classes. I love how every day is different and enjoy helping kids climb the ladder of learning to reach their goals. It's great to be part of such a fun and supportive team of teachers.

In my spare time I enjoy painting, having fun times with my family, fishing, and exploring the scenery on my 3 wheeled road bike.



Emma Whitworth

I am really looking forward to spending another year in AKO, assisting the students in year 5 and 6. I believe building relationships is the beginning of my learning journey with the children that I support.

I have qualifications as a Dental Assistant, in Business Administration and Sports Training and Development. I studied Education Support in 2019 and now am a qualified Teacher Aide. I'm very lucky to be working in a rewarding career with an elite team of educators at CPS.

My husband Ben is a Engineer/Deck coordinator on a UK vessel in the Gas and Oil Industry. Yes he travels alot, so when he's home we make the most of our time together. We moved to Cromwell in 2011. We have two boys, Zach (7) and Josh (5). We love all sports, rugby, cricket, swimming, biking, boating and going on adventures.



Freddie Hughes

Kia ora. I'm Freddie. I'm excited to be joining the team at CPS as teacher aide. This is a return to work in education after being a stay at home mum to Macey, Matai and Merida. Pre motherhood I taught for Te Kura (The Correspondence School) at Haldon Correspondence Unit in the Mackenzie Country wop-wops.

My family became Cromwellians seven years ago and since day one we have relished the fantastic community and extensive outdoor playground that surrounds us.



Emma Everett

Hi, I'm Emma Everett, Mum of 8 year old twins Ethan and Milly. My husband and I are new comers to Cromwell, moved to this lovely part of New Zealand in June 2019 from Auckland and loving it!

Previous to being a teacher aide here at Cromwell Primary I was a Teacher Aide at Marlborough Primary School North Shore , Auckland.



Linda Bell (and Afterschool Care)

My involvement with Cromwell Primary stems back over 19 years to 2002 when the first of my three children started school. Over those years I became a very proactive parent within the school joining the SOK's committee and always being available for supporting roles within the school environment. In 2018 I instigated a voluntary reading programme with my dog Gus which proved very popular with the children leading on to a more permanent position of Teacher Aide in 2019. I am fortunate now to be able to give back to Cromwell Primary School who I credit for the academic success of my kids having such a solid and well rounded foundation in their primary education has now lead them to studies at a tertiary level in architecture, speech pathology and law.



Melissa McEldowney

My Husband Nathan and I along with our two girls Paige and Ashleigh relocated to Cromwell in 2017 and we haven't looked back!

Our girls are both at Cromwell Primary and after offering my time in the girls classrooms, gained some relief teacher aide work which I thoroughly enjoy.

Supporting children is so rewarding and I am looking forward to the year ahead at CPS.

Caretaker



Dave Ellis

I love fishing, my cars and I love working here at the school. My family is number one.

I have farmed for 25 odd years and been in Cromwell for number of years now. *Making a difference is my motto for the work I do at Cromwell Primary School and I believe it's all about the kids. So I do whatever I can to make things better for them.*

Sometimes I feel like I'm a magician because some of the things I'm asked to fix require a bit of magic. No, is not in my vocabulary. Yes is my middle name. (Dave's humble statement has been "edited" by some very grateful

office staff)

Office Staff



Amber Nepe

Tena Koutou Katoa
Ko Whangatauatia taku Maunga
Ko Karirikura taku Awa
Ko One-roa-a-tohe taku Moana
Ko Tinana taku Waka
Ko Te Rarawa taku Iwi
Ko Tamaki Makaurau ahau
Ko Tirau taku kainga inaianei
Ko Nepe taku Whānau
Ko Amon taku Tane
Ko Tiaan, Kalea and Timana aku tamariki
Ko Amber ahau
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou

Hi, I'm Amber Nepe, my Whānau and I relocated from Auckland to Cromwell in September 2015.

I have worked at Cromwell Primary School in the office for about 4 years now. I have 2 children who attend CPS and 1 daughter who now attends Cromwell College.

I am very passionate about sports, music and kapa haka. I am always up for a challenge!

I love being part of the community and culture at Cromwell Primary School. Everything I do at CPS is for our tamariki.

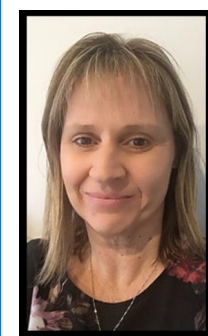
Haumi ē, Hui ē, Taiki ē



Tegan Wilson

I work in the office at Cromwell Primary and have worked here since 2014. My three children all went through Cromwell Primary, and I love the fantastic foundation it has given them, not only in the traditional sense of education, but also with all the other life skills especially around growth mindsets, self-directed learning and collaborative learning. I think the culture at Cromwell Primary is fantastic and the school community is so supportive of the school and staff.

I have done a variety of things prior to Cromwell Primary: studied at Massey worked in Banking, Insurance, Cafes, MAF at Queenstown Airport, and office/book work for a number of business. My husband and I have owned a Milk Run in Arrowtown, a Hydroseeding business and now a Bark Pumping Business. I enjoy walking, biking, reading and music, being with friends and family and have recently started playing golf (not that well!).



Robyn Bisset

I have worked part time in the office since May 2019 starting with one and a half days a week before extending those hours the following year. My husband Paul and I have two teenage daughters, Hannah (16) and Abbey (14). Our girls both started their education at CPS and we will be forever grateful for the fantastic primary education they received here. The amazing culture within the team and wider school community is one of the main reasons I have come back now my girls are well into their high school years!

Most of my spare time is spent chasing two very active girls around all their sports and you will normally find us lakeside in the summer supporting rowing or courtside in the winter supporting netball!

2020 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN RELATION TO
NEW ZEALAND CURRICULUM (NZC) EXPECTATIONS

Reading:

- 81.4% students at or above NZC expectations compared to 84% in 2019.
- 80.5% boys compared to 82.4% & 82.5% girls compared to 85.7% in 2019

Writing:

- 67.5% students at or above NZC expectations compared to 67% in 2019
- 57.7% boys is the same percentage as 2019 & 79.2% girls compared to 79.4% in 2019

Mathematics:

- 80.9% at or above NZC expectations compared to 82% in 2019
- 82.8% boys compared to 85.1% & 78.5% girls compared to 77.8% in 2019

SUMMARY 2020 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT TARGETS

To raise the rate of progress for all students deemed to be at risk of not achieving New Zealand Curriculum Reading or Writing expectations.

Writing

- To increase the percentage of students working at or above the standards from 67% to 72%
- **Outcome: 67.5% achieving at or above the expected curriculum level. Target not yet achieved.**
- To increase the percentage of boys achieving the national standards for writing from 57% to 65%.
- **Outcome: 57.7% achieving at the expected curriculum level. Target not yet met but small increases achieved.**

Mathematics

To raise the rate of progress for all students deemed to be at risk of not achieving New Zealand Curriculum Mathematics expectations.

- To maintain the 82% level of students working at or above the NZC level expectations in Maths, linked to our first year of involvement in the Re-Form (DMIC) Maths Project.
- **Outcome: 80.9% achieving at or above the expected NZC level. Target not achieved by 1.1%.**
- To increase the percentage of females achieving at or above NZC level expectations from 77.8% to 82%
- **Outcome: 78.5% achieving at the expected curriculum level. Target not yet met**

but small increase achieved

- To increase the percentage of Maori, Pasifika and other diverse learners working at or above the expected NZC levels in Maths through the use of culturally responsive pedagogies associated with the DMIC Project.

Maori 75.9% to 82%

Pasifika 90% to 100%

- Outcome: 82.7% Maori achieving at or above the NZC level expectations. Target met by 0.7%
- Outcome: 83.3% Pasifika achieving at or above the NZC level expectations. Target not met.

CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNUAL GOALS 2021

1. **To maintain or increase our 2020 levels of achievement for all students achieving or exceeding the NZC level expectations for Reading & Writing. (Achievement & Progress Goal)**
2. **To maintain or increase our 2020 levels of achievement for all students achieving or exceeding the NZC level expectations for Mathematics. (Achievement & Progress Goal)**
3. **Assessment/Reporting: to improve consistency of overall teacher judgements linked to student progress and achievement reporting in Writing and Mathematics by introducing the use of PaCT for Writing and Maths. (Process Goal).**
4. **Hauora/Wellbeing: ensure that both school and collective wellbeing across our Kāhui Ako improves through deliberate efforts to promote a culture of wellbeing.**
5. **Māori: to strengthen effective parent, families and whānau engagement with school through productive partnerships to improve outcomes for students.**
6. **Enviroschool – to successfully complete our Green Gold Enviroschool Reflection**
7. **Community of Learning – to implement the agreed action plan for our Across Kāhui Ako Lead Teachers and Within School Teachers linked to our endorsed achievement challenges – wellbeing, learning success for all (writing focus) & community engagement (Process Goal).**
8. **Property – To progress the construction and redevelopment of teaching spaces - Modern Learning Environments Old Ako Modernisation Project, address Health & Safety matters, Multipurpose Building, toilets upgrade in Junior Block, playground development and new roll growth learning hub linked to the Future School Master**

HOME AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

How you can strengthen your partnership with school?

- Commit to attending opportunities to engage with the school. Every year is

different even if your child has the same teacher or you have had other children go through the school. Your child does value your interest in what is happening for them at school.

- Attend Learning Partnership Meetings & Curriculum Information Evenings, visit the school with your child, join the SOKs Group (Support our Kids), check your emails and read the school newsletter, get to know your child's teacher and the principal, come along to a monthly Board of Trustees Meeting, read all school communications, volunteer your time and talents.
- Learning Partnership Meetings will be held in Week 4 Term 1 when parents can share important information they have about their child and in Week 2 Term 3 when students can reflect on progress they have made in Terms 1 & 2 and set further goals based on their next learning steps. Information will be sent home about this nearer the time, once dates have been set.
- Cromwell Primary Community Picnic – this is scheduled for Friday 5th March 5:30pm to welcome in the new school year and to celebrate the opening of our new playground equipment. Bring your own picnic food and SoKs will also be offering a free sausage. Everyone welcome
- There are copies of our BoT Charter 2020-2023 on display in the office and in the corridor of Block B (Junior Block). We encourage parents to take an active part in any school community consultation processes to ensure your voice is heard and to provide feedback at any stage of the school year, as we do value parent voice.
- By reading our "Special Edition Newsletter you have made a great start towards making a commitment to the home/school partnership that we know makes a significant difference to student progress and achievement and your child's general success at school.



We are very excited our new Multi Purpose Building has finally started. Watch this space!

New Climbing Rig
construction in
progress...



GET INVOLVED



JOIN SOKS

Just by joining SOKS you are advocating on behalf of all children (including your own) and no further commitment is required!

And IF you can...



BE CLASS REP

You can be a *Super Hero* that provides a link between parents and the school.



★ **SOKS** stands for “**SUPPORT OUR KIDS**”

We are a great bunch of parents and teachers (similar to a Parent Teacher Association) that meet once a month to discuss current matters that affect our students, we organise events to raise money for the school, and we decide on how our fundraising is spent.



WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

- ★ **BENEFIT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN** – research shows that children perform better and behave better when parents are involved at HOME and at SCHOOL.
- ★ **STAY INFORMED** – getting involved keeps you in the loop and plugs you into what’s going on at the school.
- ★ **CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS** – SOKs connects you to other like-minded parents, as well as the teachers and staff, helping build community.
- ★ **BE A SUPER PARENT** – by getting involved, you show your student(s) the importance you place on education. If you value it, they will too.
- ★ **YOUR VOTE COUNTS** – by becoming a member, you have a voice in decisions of how fundraising is spent.
- ★ **HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL BETTER!**



Anyone is welcome to attend our AGM on Monday, 15 March at 7pm in the Ako2 classroom - or email soks@croprimary.school.nz for more info

We would love to see some new (or familiar) faces there!
Nominations are now open for supporting roles within the committee.

**CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 1 2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	1 February	2	3	4	5	6/7 Feb
3 February - 7 February			Term 1 Commences			
2	8	9	10	11	12	13/14 Feb
8 February - 14 February	Waitangi Day Observed School Closed					
3	15	16	17	18	19	20/21 Feb
15 February – 21 February	H1, H3 & H4 Water Funday	H3 Swimming	Kārearea Team Bike Safety	H4 Library Visit		
4	22	23	24	25	26	27/28 Feb
22 February - 28 February (Learning Partnership Meetings)		Kārearea Team Bike Road Skills	Mihi Whakatau 10.40am	H4 Swimming		
5	1 March	2	3	4	5	6/7 March
1 March – 7 March	Year 5-6 Swimming H2 Bike Week	Year 5-6 Swimming Kārearea Team Bike Ride H2 Bike Week	Year 5-6 Swimming H2 Bike Week	Year 5-6 Swimming H2 Bike Week H1 Library Visit	Year 5-6 Swimming H2 Bike Week	
6	8	9	10	11	12	13/14 March
8 March - 14 March	School Athletics Day (Year 3-6)		Year 5 Camp, Camp Columba H1 Swimming	Year 5 Camp, Camp Columba	Year 5 Camp, Camp Columba	
7	15	16	17	18	19	20/21 March
15 March - 21 March	SoK's AGM 7pm Ako 2 Dunstan Zone Athletics (Year 4-6)					
8	22	23	24	25	26	27/28 March
22 March - 28 March	Otago Anniversary Day School Closed	Teacher Only Day School Closed		H1 & H4 Walk to Old Cromwell		
9	29	30	31	1	2	3/4 April
29 March – 4 April	Year 6 Camp, Dunedin CO Athletics (Year 4-6)	Year 6 Camp, Dunedin	Year 6 Camp, Dunedin	Year 6 Camp, Dunedin H1 Library Visit	Good Friday School Closed	
10	5	6	7	8	9	10/11 April
5 April -11 April	Easter Monday School Closed	Easter Tuesday School Closed				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17/18 April
12 April -16 April		Kārearea Team Queenstown Walk	Kārearea Team Queenstown Walk	H4 Library Visit	Final Day Term One	